

Claims

- [c1] A bank for holding money, the bank shaped like an animal and comprising:
 - a hollow body divided into a plurality of compartments by internal walls, the body having a plurality of slots disposed therein such that one slot communicates with each compartment; and
 - a plurality of appendages, each appendage corresponding to and communicating with one of the compartments;
 - wherein the money is dispensed through the appendages.
- [c2] The bank of claim 1 wherein the appendages are feet.
- [c3] The bank of claim 2 wherein the bank has two front feet and two back feet.
- [c4] The bank of claim 3 wherein the body is divided into four compartments by three walls, a first wall dividing a first compartment and a second compartment, a third wall dividing a third compartment and a fourth compartment, and a second wall disposed between the first wall and the third wall dividing the second compartment and the

third compartment.

- [c5] The bank of claim 4 wherein the front two feet straddle a plane defined by the first wall and the rear two feet straddle a plane defined by the third wall, the first wall configured such that one of the front feet communicates with the first compartment and the other front foot communicates with the second compartment, the third wall configured such that one of the rear feet communicates with the third compartment and the other rear foot communicates with the fourth compartment.
- [c6] The bank of claim 5 wherein the first wall has a portion that curves rearward so that the first compartment communicates with the one of the front feet and a portion that curves forward so that the second compartment communicates with the other front foot and the third wall has a portion that curves rearward so that the third compartment communicates with one of the rear feet and a portion that curves forward so that the fourth compartment communicates with the other rear foot.
- [c7] The bank of claim 6 wherein the body bears indicia corresponding to each compartment to indicate the budgetary purpose of the money placed in each compartment.

- [c8] The bank of claim 7 wherein the animal is a pig.
- [c9] The bank of claim 7 wherein the animal is selected from the group consisting of a cow, a horse, a lamb and a dog.